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The Honorable Tory Rocca Michigan House of Representatives PO Box 30014 Lansing, MI 48909-7514

On behalf of the Michigan Liquor Vendors, I would like to request that you place SB 456 on the House Regulatory Reform Committee agenda for a hearing and a vote.

This legislation was referred to your committee recently after passing the Senate without opposition. This bill allows the Liquor Control Commission (LCC) to draft a rule or an order to give store owners the ability to work with the LCC to mark down the price of certain slow moving products. Last year, the LCC and many members from our industry were in the process of crafting rules to address this problem. However, PA 407 of 2004 inadvertently removed the LCC's rulemaking ability to resolve this issue.

We strongly support this bill and we hope that it will make its way through the legislature in a timely fashion. Thank you in advance for your consideration. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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